

# Rutherford County, April 2023



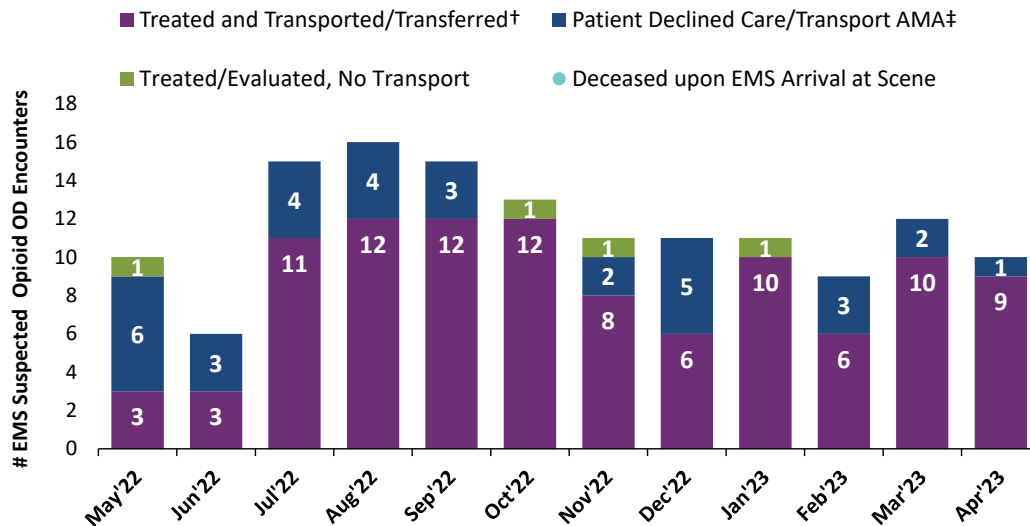
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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ENCOUNTERS FOR SUSPECTED OPIOID OVERDOSE\*

### EMS Suspected Opioid Overdose Patient Disposition Last 12 Months, Rutherford County, 2022-2023\*



†Transport refers to transport to hospital. Transfer occurs between EMS agencies.

‡Against Medical Advice

**Note:** Counts based on North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT) opioid overdose indicator case definition: patients >11 years old, AND encounters with opioid-related primary or secondary impression AND documented administration of naloxone OR naloxone AND unresponsive keyterms in the narrative.

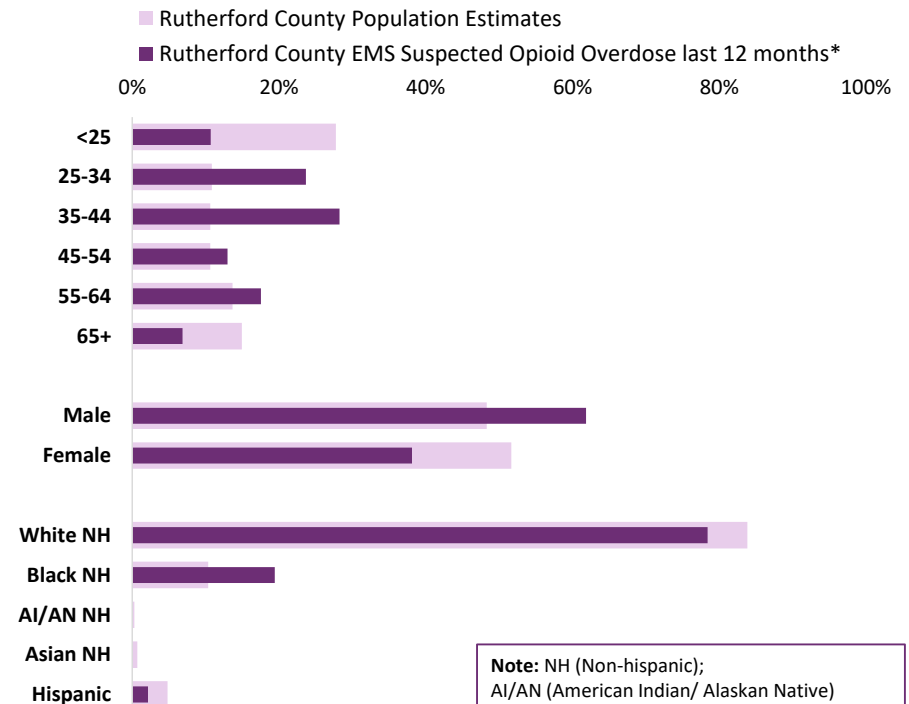
*Year to date (Apr 2023), 42 of the 42 suspected opioid overdose encounters in Rutherford County received naloxone, and 41 (98%) had an improved response to naloxone.*

\*EMS data are provisional and should not be considered final. All "EMS Opioid OD" counts reflect *suspected* opioid overdose encounters, based on the 'Opioid Overdose' EMS Indicator developed by NC DETECT. Population Data-U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>. For training on NCDETECT, contact Amy Ising, [ising@ad.unc.edu](mailto:ising@ad.unc.edu).

### 42 EMS Suspected Opioid Overdose Encounters in Rutherford County April 2023\* YTD

Compared to 45 Jan-Apr 2022\*

### EMS Suspected Opioid Overdose Encounters by Race/Ethnicity and Age Group<sup>y</sup>



**Note:** NH (Non-hispanic);  
AI/AN (American Indian/ Alaskan Native)

<sup>y</sup> Overdose percentages that exceed population estimates within a subgroup indicate a population that may be disproportionately impacted.